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REPORT.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE TOWN OF STRAF- FORD FOR THE YEAR 1883, ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

PAID SCHOOL BILLS.

District No. 1,	John S. Brock,	\$139 85
3,	David P. Whitehouse,	88 10
4,	Samuel F. Welch,	67 47
5,	John L. Babb,	114 62
6,	Jacob W. Foss,	31 70
6,	Jacob W. Foss, back money,	12 30
7,	Mark F. Foss,	104 54
9,	Robert B. Peavey,	157 44
10 & 11,	Mary E. Montgomery,	264 11
12,	Paul Perkins,	71 03
13,	Herbert E. Tasker,	87 94
14,	Benjamin T. Hayes,	71 68
15,	Smith W. Caswell,	97 41
16,	William H. Tasker,	106 82
17,	Henry M. Foss,	143 44
18,	Vira S. Tuttle,	110 12
19,	Horace A. Garland,	95 67
20,	Mary A. Bennett,	62 52
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		\$1826 76

PAID FOR LABOR ON THE HIGHWAY,

Spring of 1883.

Bill No. 1,	Elbridge L. Foss,	\$19 84
2,	Warren A. Small,	11 17
3,	Wm. J. Foss,	37 97
4,	Hartley T. Paige,	27 52
5,	Eben H. Holmes,	32 95
6,	Hanson Howard,	23 99
7,	Eben H. Holmes,	17 51
8,	Chas. W. Brewster,	31 33
9,	Edward W. Drew,	9 17
10,	Gorham T. Foss,	5 70
11,	Daniel J. Holmes,	11 64
12,	Clinton Caswell,	10 22
13,	Eli J. Foye,	27 58
14,	Stephen Leighton,	16 08
15,	Horace W. Evans,	15 63
16,	Daniel J. Holmes,	2 28
17,	Jeremiah Tasker,	5 49
18,	Chas. F. Felker,	27 36
19,	Chas. E. Hodgdon,	14 27
20,	John J. Fernald,	84
21,	Chas. E. Jenness,	21 58
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		\$370 12

PAID FOR LABOR ON THE HIGHWAY,

Summer of 1883.

Bill No. 1,	Aaron W. Foss,	\$ 8 04
2,	Stephen Leighton,	11 54
3,	Chas. N. Daniels,	6 89
4,	Cyrus G. Scott,	9 23
5,	Joseph E. Whitcher,	18 04
6,	Tobias Brock,	3 75
7,	Chas. F. Foss,	3 72

Bill No. 8,	John P. Waldron, bridge plank,	\$ 3 89
9,	" "	78 82
10,	Joseph E. Whitcher,	13 30
11,	Ivory Johnson,	5 67
12,	S. H. Foss, Blue Hill pauper road,	40 96
13,	Azariah Waldron,	3 75
14,	Joseph L. Hall,	8 50
15,	Wm. H. Stiles,	2 78
16,	Freeman Berry,	16 25
17,	Chas. F. Foss,	2 76
18,	Paul Perkins, bridge plank,	4 00
19,	Daniel J. Holmes, bridge plank,	9 71
20,	" "	2 40
21,	Wm. H. Stiles,	63
22,	Geo. A. Caverly,	6 95
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		\$261 58

PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS,

Winter of 1882-3.

Bill No. 1,	John H. Bateman,	\$ 3 96
2,	Edmond O. Caswell,	3 46
3,	Jeremiah Tasker,	19 94
4,	Joseph E. Whitcher,	17 82
5,	Stephen N. Lougee,	3 00
6,	William Cate,	18 13
7,	Mark F. Foss,	11 34
8,	John S. Winkley,	26 25
9,	Thomas B. Griffin,	24 88
10,	Fred T. Stanton,	10 38
11,	James W. Tuttle,	4 60
12,	Orin Foss,	14 31
13,	Joseph E. Whitcher,	17 18
14,	Geo. A. Caverly,	17 78
15,	Charles N. Daniels,	15 16
16,	Charles F. Garland,	13 44
17,	William H. Berry,	16 17
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		\$237 80

PAID NOTES, INTEREST AND BONDS.

Sarah J. Caverly,	\$ 83 52	Emma P. Neal,	\$ 100 00
Horatio N. Foss,	1174 71	Centre Strafford	
Martha Whitcher,	40 00	Social Circle,	81 43
Polly Otis,	121 65	Polly Otis,	21 65
Joseph A. Whitcher,	325 00	Daniel Berry,	121 26
Warren P. Hanscam,	162 54	Julia A. Gray,	26 41
Paul Tasker,	142 36	Walter J. Gray,	289 36
Jesse B. Gray,	289 36	Mercy E. Mont-	
Mercy E. Montgomery,	170 77	gomery,	1909 71
Mercy E. Montgomery,	822 44	Charles F. Mont-	
Daniel Huckins, bond,	209 33	gomery,	110 00
Sundry persons, as per		Aaron W. Foss, note,	2351 56
coupons,	141 00		
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			\$8694 06

BILLS PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid John W. Jewell, goods delivered John W.	
Roberts,	\$ 5 50
Levi B. Johnson, support of Lizzie Brown,	11 57
Plumer Johnson, " Lois Sawyer,	33 00
Abram Evans, digging grave, &c., for R. J.	
Caverly,	6 00
Moses Otis support of H. M. Otis,	52 00
N. C. Twombly, medical service to Sally Hayes,	2 00
J. W. Pray, " R. J. Caverly	
family,	18 00
David W. Evans, support of Sarah Evans,	104 00
J. S. Neal, services at funeral of W. F. Berry,	2 00
Geo. H. Brown, support of Lizzie Brown,	28 00
" " "	10 29
A. B. Hill, coffin furnished W. F. Berry,	8 00
Lovell F. Berry, support of I. P. Wentworth,	53 00
D. McDaniels, medical attendance to Lizzie	
Brown,	13 25
* Geo. H. Brown, support of Lizzie Brown,	4 00
Asa Caverly, " Sally Hayes,	20 50

Paid N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to Betsey	
D. Straw,	\$15 00
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to Martha	
Evans,	13 50
John D. Clark, supplies furnished J. W. Roberts,	50
C. M. Hill, goods delivered I. P. Wentworth,	2 00
“ “ Daniel Berry,	7 35
Albert, Foss, care of W. F. Berry,	8 00
Edwin S. Otis, “ “	6 00
J. & D. Huckins, goods delivered R. J. Caverly,	23 16
Timothy L. Clark, support of B. D. Straw,	15 00
C. M. Hill, goods delivered to Martha Evans,	10 28
John D. Clark, wood delivered to R. J. Caverly,	4 00
H. S. Thompson, support of Sally Hayes,	12 00
C. M. Hill, goods delivered W. F. Berry,	13 96
James M. Berry, digging grave for W. F. Berry,	2 00
Sally Hayes, allowance from county,	16 00
Joshua Otis, supplies furnished M. Varney,	41 30
H. W. Roberts, “ “	8 82
H. C. Coburn, medical attendance R. J. Caverly,	113 75
Daniel Berry, allowance from county,	29 00
Charles E. Evans, support of J. H. Evans,	26 00
Charles M. Hill, goods delivered Martha Evans,	5 00
A. B. Hill, casket and robe furnished R. J.	
Caverly,	16 00
A. B. Hill, coffin and box furnished B. D. Straw,	15 00
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	\$774 73

BILLS PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to Alice	
Bunker,	\$ 5 00
Andrew J. Hall, support J. H. Tuttle,	45 00
Geo. H. Hawley, medical attendance to Wil-	
ley family,	76 50
Levi B. Johnson, care of tramp,	5 00
J. W. Pray, medical attendance to Geo. H.	
Beede,	3 00

Paid N. C. Twombly, support of A. Bunker,	\$72 50
David McDaniels, medical attendance to A. L. Tuttle,	18 50
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to Levi B. Johnson's family,	11 50
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to A. L. Tuttle,	10 00
J. & D. Huckins, goods delivered A. L. Tuttle,	1 25
Samuel Brown, support of A. L. Tuttle and child,	73 50
" " "	6 00
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	\$327 75

PAID STATE AND COUNTY TAXES, &c.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax for 1883,	\$1216 00
Charles S. Cartland, county tax for 1883,	1429 65
Henry C. Coburn, births and deaths,	2 00
Joseph L. Hall, wood for town house,	5 00
N. C. Twombly, return of deaths,	1 75
Melvin E. Babb, guide-board,	1 50
C. W. Hanson, births and deaths,	2 50
J. W. Pray, " "	1 50
John O. Boody, printing orders, &c.,	4 00
John W. Strachn, sawing wood,	1 12
John D. Clark, stationery,	1 00
C. W. Folsom, printing town reports, 1882,	27 20
John C. Hall, watering trough,	3 00
William W. Hawkins, watering tub,	2 00
Alvah V. Canney, watering trough,	3 00
D. S. Woodman, watering tub,	6 00
Samuel F. Welch, " "	3 00
E. J. Lane, stationery, &c.,	11 97
John R. Palmer, watering tub,	3 00
E. J. Lane, stationery, &c.,	1 00
Mark K. Foss, over tax, years 1866-7-8,	43 37
Charles C. Dame, cow lost,	66
Fred T. Stanton, over tax,	55
Hanson Howard, cow lost,	47

Paid John J. Fernald, drawback on dog,	\$1 00
Lorenzo D. Foss, over tax,	52
Hezekiah F. Gray,	47
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	\$2773 23

PAID FOR LAWSUITS AND DAMAGES.

Paid John H. Bartlett, damage to team,	\$ 2 50
Frank P. Whitehouse, damage to horse,	40 00
Irving W. Way,	25 00
Benj. S. Downing,	25 00
Joseph A. Whitcher,	12 00
Mehitable D. Roberts,	15 00
B. Frank Perkins, damage to carriage,	5 00
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	\$124 50

PAID SUNDRY PERSONS FOR SERVICES.

Paid Warren H. Perkins, selectman, spring of 1883,	\$ 8 00
John C. Hayes,	6 00
Lovell F. Berry,	8 00
Joseph L. Hall, collector of taxes for 1881,	100 00
John S. Foss, town clerk,	30 00
John S. Foss, supervisor,	4 50
Edrick I. Foss, supervisor,	10 00
Luther C. Critchett, auditor, 1882,	1 50
Charles H. Twombly, for affidavits,	1 00
Charles H. Twombly, superintending school committee,	75 00
Hiram S. Hill, auditor, 1882,	1 50
O. M. Foss, supervisor,	6 00
Daniel Huckins, treasurer, and cash paid out,	62 00
Joseph L. Hall, collector of taxes, 1882,	95 00
John D. Clark, part payment services selectman,	100 00
Daniel. J. Holmes, services as selectman,	153 45
Loring K. Foss,	184 10
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	\$846 05

BOUNTIES ON CROWS, &c.

Paid John D. Clark, cash paid sundry persons,	\$1 90
Loring K Foss,	5 90
Daniel J. Holmes,	2 20
C. F. Montgomery, bounty on woodchucks,	20
C. Woodman,	10
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	\$10 30

PAID SCHOOLHOUSE TAX.

Paid John C. Hall, district No. 19,	\$15 00
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PAID DAMAGE TO SHEEP, &c., BY DOGS.

Paid Frank R. Hill,	\$ 7 00
John Sanders,	4 00
E. H. Holmes,	5 00
Reuel L. Gray,	5 00
John D. Clark,	30 00
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	\$51 00

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED JOSEPH L. HALL ON
HIS LIST OF TOWN TAXES FOR 1882.

Stephen Farnham, pensioner,	\$1 78
Howard L. Otis, sickness,	3 53
Walter I. Batchelder,	2 66
Wm. Strachn,	3 56
John C. Otis,	2 58
Albert W. Holmes,	1 78
Mrs. Moses Y. Otis,	4 14
Haven B. Foss,	1 78

Chas. P. Foss,	\$1 95
Moses P. Caverly,	4 00
John W. Tuttle,	1 78
John W. Moody,	1 78
Geo. E. Leighton,	1 78
Mary Pinkham,	59
John W. Yeaton,	1 78
Henry D. Yeaton,	1 78
Andrew J. Cole,	1 78
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	\$39 03

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED JOSEPH L. HALL ON
HIS LIST OF DOG TAXES FOR 1882.

Albert W. Holmes,	\$1 00
John W. Tuttle,	1 00
William H. Berry,	1 00
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	\$3 00

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED MARK F. FOSS ON HIS
LIST OF TOWN TAXES FOR 1883.

Francis Reed, minister,	\$1 88
Stephen Farnham, pensioner,	1 88
Meshach Varney, poor,	1 88
Levi B. Johnson, “	1 88
Levi W. Brown, mill burned,	3 76
Dimon Gordon,	1 88
William Strachn,	1 88
Alice Bunker,	1 41
Lewis Shaw,	1 88
Jacob S. Neal, minister,	1 88
Lydia Winkley,	1 42
Susan Foye,	2 82
Moses C. Willey,	8 56

Geo. S. Evans, over 70,	\$1 88
Joseph A. Whitcher, Brown land,	94
Mary A. Cowles, over tax,	2 42
John W. Roberts,	1 88
Geo. E. Leighton,	1 88
Charles W. Brewster, pensioner,	1 88
Hannah A. Caverly,	56
Seth W. Caverly,	1 88
“ over tax,	2 36
Geo. S. Hill,	1 88
H. F. Young, minister,	1 88
Howard L. Otis,	6 40
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	\$58 85

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED MARK F. FOSS ON HIS
LIST OF DOG TAXES FOR 1883.

Samuel P. Yeaton,	\$1 00
Chas. H. Foss,	1 00
John S. Winkley,	1 00
Dimon Gordon,	1 00
Moses C. Willey,	1 00
Samuel B. Hanscom,	1 00
Paul H. Winkley,	1 00
Daniel Huckins,	1 00
Samuel H. Hill,	1 00
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	\$9 00

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED MARK F. FOSS ON HIS
LIST OF HIGHWAY TAXES FOR THE YEAR
1882.

Dana R. Berry,	\$ 41
Tobias Brock,	1 60
Lorenzo D. Foss,	4 56

Emma P. Neal,	\$3 37
Geo. W. Babb,	2 45
Anna Belle Young,	2 10
John P. Berry,	47
Geo. W. Currier,	75
Walter I. Batchelder,	1 11
John C. Otis,	1 08
Joshua Libbey,	47
John C. Peavey,	5 91
Geo. A. Peavey,	47
John W. Tuttle,	75
Wm. W. Wilder,	47
Eli J. Foye,	4 26
Eben Smith,	8 63
Abiah Abbott's heirs,	1 23
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	\$40 09

RECAPITULATION OF MONEY PAID AWAY.

Amount paid on school bills,	\$1826 76
on highway, spring of 1883,	370 12
" summer " "	261 58
" winter of 1882-3,	237 80
on notes, interest and bonds,	8694 06
for county paupers,	774 73
for town paupers,	327 75
for state and county taxes, &c.,	2773 23
for lawsuits and damages,	124 50
sundry persons for services,	846 05
bounty on crows, &c.,	10 30
for schoolhouse tax,	15 00
for damage to sheep by dogs,	51 00
on abatements,	149 97
Amount in treasurer's hands,	1689 90
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	\$18,152 75

MONEY RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED FOR BY
DANIEL HUCKINS, TREASURER FOR THE YEAR
1883, ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

Received of Chas. D. Scruton, treasurer, 1882,	\$2060 32
Joseph L. Hall, collector, 1882,	1093 00
Herbert E. Tasker, by note,	91 18
Horace A. Tasker, by note,	91 18
Paul Perkins, note due town,	124 21
Mark F. Foss, collector, 1883,	2426 75
Joseph L. Hall, collector, 1882,	39 03
“ “ “	944 50
“ “ 1881,	143 37
“ “ abatement	
on dogs,	3 00
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	1069 61
“ literary fund money,	161 16
Warren P. Hanscam, by note,	100 00
Aaron W. Foss, by note,	2351 56
Mark F. Foss, collector, 1883,	6500 00
“ abatements, 1883,	58 85
“ “ on dogs,	9 00
“ “ highway	
tax, 1882,	40 09
Chas. S. Cartland, support of county	
paupers,	781 98
Joseph F. Caverly property,	63 96
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	\$18152 75

DANIEL HUCKINS, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HIRAM S. HILL, }
JOHN C. HAYES, } Auditors.

Strafford, N. H., March 5th, 1884.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

Outstanding Debts Against the Town March 1, 1884.

Polly Otis,	\$ 100 00
Betsy Y. Caverly,	80 04
Dearborn D. Caswell,	277 12
Albert H. Foss,	61 54
Sylvester Foss,	154 37
Mary A. Hall,	277 87
Samuel F. Welch,	190 28
Gorham T. Foss,	832 57
Lois W. Berry,	70 27
Eliza J. Hill,	48 32
Sarah A. Trickey,	210 67
Herbert S. Scruton,	241 19
Sarah A. Foss,	277 44
Charles F. Montgomery,	674 13
Joel F. Berry,	349 25
Herbert S. Scruton,	42 66
Martha A. Perkins,	554 67
David M. Perkins,	1786 85
Clara J. Hall,	88 35
Frank H. Hall,	331 66
Rufus Hall,	908 28
Daniel Huckins,	2673 81
Charles F. Montgomery,	489 64
Lyman Parsons,	215 18
Charles F. Montgomery,	33 88
Oliver M. Swain,	298 91
Mary A. Goss,	65 63
Lyman Parsons,	207 34
Mary A. McDonald,	132 80
Elmer Berry,	43 79
Dearborn D. Caswell,	222 85
Cotton H. Foss,	471 53
Harrison Twombly,	498 46
Aaron W. Foss,	2351 56

Asa Perkins,		\$1530 95
John H. Scott, 2nd,		74 94
Albert H. Foss,		339 37
John W. Jewell,		233 97
Elizabeth L. Weeks,		214 62
Emma P. Neal,		1440 84
Stephen Young,		2250 47
Martha Whitcher,		680 85
Alfred Jenness,		191 78
John H. Perry,		328 77
Lizzie S. Caswell,		328 77
Elmer Berry,		131 50
Mary E. Hill,		219 80
Abigail T. Swain,		547 95
Elmer Berry,		122 00
Mary W. Evans,		49 31
Joseph A. Whitcher,		737 56
Joseph E. Whitcher,		79 70
Chas. W. Whitcher,		538 39
Horace A. Tasker,		93 55
Herbert E. Tasker,		93 55
Warren P. Hanscam,		100 00
Mary J. Parsons,	bond,	50 00
Jesse M. Knowles,	"	1200 00
Joseph P. Weeks,	"	400 00
Geo. W. Brewster,	"	175 00
Judith Brewster,	"	200 00
Ellen M. Smith,	"	118 00
Dorcas Worcester,	"	150 00
Jonathan F. Worcester,	"	250 00
Marston W. Brock,	"	50 00
School district No. 11, before it was annexed to		
district No. 10,		27 51
School district No. 6,		157 73
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		\$28,369 79

DEBTS DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1884.

Joseph F. Caverly, collector, 1878,	\$ 21 88
“ “ 1879,	643 79
United States bounties,	2091 62
Mark K. Foss and Loring K. Foss,	250 71
Warren H. Perkins,	250 71
David and John W. Avery,	368 75
Due on J. F. Caverly homestead,	600 00
Joseph L. Hall, collector for 1882,	113 00
Mark F. Foss, “ 1883,	1532 16
“ highway tax, 1882,	150 09
In treasurer's hands,	1689 90
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	\$7712 61

Outstanding debts against the town March 1, 1884,	\$28,369 79
Debts due the town March 1, 1884,	7,712 61
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Balance against the town,	\$20,657 18
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Reduction of the town debt for the year ending March 1, 1884,	\$3971 14
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JOHN D. CLARK, } Selectmen
 DANIEL J. HOLMES, } of
 LORING K. FOSS, } Strafford.

HIRAM S. HILL, } Auditors.
 JOHN C. HAYES, }



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF STRAFFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1884.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

CITIZENS OF STRAFFORD :

In presenting to you my second annual report I have endeavored to give an impartial statement of the condition of the public schools in town and the progress made by the scholars during the year :

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, John S. Brock.

Two terms. A summer term of ten weeks, taught by Belle A. Jenkins of Rochester. This is quite a large school. The scholars are large, well advanced, and they made good improvement during the term. Miss Jenkins is a good teacher, and one that was interested for the advancement of the school.

Whole No. of scholars, 22 ; average No., 20.

The winter term of eleven weeks was taught by Mrs. Edna E. Copp. The scholars were very much interested in their studies and made excellent advancement and were thorough, although they had not spent much time in reviewing what they had been over. This school has been much improved during the year, and especially during the last term.

Whole No. of scholars, 20 ; average No., 19.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee, David Whitehouse.

Two terms. A summer term of five and six-tenths weeks, taught by Miss Annie J. Montgomery, and a winter term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Evannah Stiles. These two teachers were inexperienced, but they did very well and manifested an interest in the advancement of the school. This is quite a large school, and the scholars seemed to be interested in their studies and made good advancement during the year.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 18; average No., 18.

2d " " " 20; " 18.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, Samuel F. Welch.

One term of thirteen and eight-tenths weeks, taught in the fall by Mr. Frank G. Foss, who showed some of the traits of an experienced teacher, although this was his first term. The school is small and the scholars are not far advanced, but made commendable progress during the term.

Whole No. of scholars, 10; average No., 8.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, John L. Babb.

Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks and a fall term of thirteen weeks, both taught by Miss Hortense Dealand of Wolfeboro'. This is not a large school, but the scholars have been very much interested in their studies and have made an excellent advancement during the year. Miss Dealand was one of our best teachers, working

earnestly for the thoroughness of her pupils. She has taught this school several terms with success.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 9; average No., 7.

2d " " " 9; " 7.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee, Jacob W. Foss.

One term of ten weeks, taught in the fall by Miss Katharine W. Quinn of Rochester. This was Miss Quinn's first attempt at teaching, but she did well and manifested an interest in the advancement of the school. This is the smallest school in town. The scholars seemed to be making good progress at the time I visited the school.

Whole No. of scholars, 3; average No., 1.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Prudential Committee, Mark F. Foss.

Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Lizzie I. Lane of Lee. This is one of the most advanced schools in town. Miss Lane did not manifest the amount of interest in the school that a teacher should, and of course the scholars did not make the improvement during the term that they ought to have made.

Whole No. of scholars, 29; average No., 26.

The fall term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Lucretia G. Osborne of Campello, Mass. The scholars were very much interested in their studies and made an excellent progress during the term. Miss Osborne is a graduate of the Massachusetts State Normal School. She took great interest for the moral as well as the mental success of her pupils. Her methods of instruction are of

the best, taking great pains to interest her scholars in their studies and not allowing them to pass a lesson not thoroughly learned.

Whole No. of scholars, 36 ; average No., 36.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Prudential Committee, R. B. Peavey.

Two terms. A summer term of nine weeks and a winter term of twelve weeks, both taught by Miss Laura E. Montgomery of Northwood. This is quite a large school and some of the scholars were quite well advanced in their studies. Miss Montgomery was one of our best teachers, taking great pains in having her scholars thorough in what they went over. The appearance of the scholars at the examination showed that they had made good use of their time and had received the services of a faithful teacher.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 20 ; average No., 19.

2d " " " 20 ; " 19.

DISTRICTS Nos. 10 AND 11.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Mary E. Montgomery.

Three terms. A summer term of ten weeks and a fall term of ten weeks, both taught by Mrs. Edna E. Copp. This is the largest school in town ; and it affords some excellent scholars that are well advanced in their studies, while the larger number are small and not far advanced. The scholars seemed interested in their studies, and made good progress during the two terms.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 36 ; average No., 32.

2d " " 37 ; " 32.

The winter term of twelve and six-tenths weeks was taught by Mr. Isaac Copp. The scholars made good advancement during the term, and were thorough in their studies and prompt at recitations. The reputation of these two teachers is too well known to need any comments from me.

Whole No. of scholars, 43 ; average No., 39.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Prudential Committee, Paul Perkins.

Two terms. A summer term of five weeks and a fall term of twelve weeks, both taught by Miss Emma L. Perkins. This is not a very large school, but the scholars seemed to have an interest in their studies. They made good advancement, and seemed to be quite thorough in what they had been over. Miss Perkins has had considerable experience in teaching, and seemed to be interested for the advancement of her pupils.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 15 ; average No., 15.

2d " " " 16 ; " 12.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Prudential Committee, Herbert E. Tasker.

Two terms. A summer term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Carrie H. Evans of Barnstead. This is not a large school, but some of the scholars are large and well advanced. Miss Evans has taught this school several terms, and the scholars have always made good improvement while under her charge. She is an excellent teacher, and one that has done a thorough work in the schoolroom.

Whole No. of scholars, 9 ; average No., 7.

The winter term of eight weeks was taught by Mr. Charles W. Whitcher. The scholars made very good advancement during the term, and were quite thorough in what they had been over. The teacher was favored by there being not but a few classes in the school, giving him ample time for each class. Mr. Whitcher has taught several terms, and feels perfectly at home in the schoolroom.

Whole No. of scholars, 13 ; average No., 13.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Prudential Committee, Benjamin T. Hayes.

Two terms. A summer term of nine weeks and a fall term of nine weeks, both taught by Miss Anna B. Hayes, who has taught this school for a number of terms in the past with good success. The school is very small, and the scholars are not very far advanced, but made good progress in their studies during the year.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 2 ; average No., 2.

2d " " 5 ; " 3.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Prudential Committee, Smith W. Caswell.

Two terms. A summer term of six weeks, taught by Miss Carrie A. Woodman of Deerfield. This is not a large school, but the larger number of the scholars are well advanced. They made good improvement during the term, and seemed to understand what they had been over. This was Miss Woodman's first appearance in the schoolroom as a teacher. She was very much interested in the school, and met with good success.

Whole No. of scholars, 12 ; average No., 11.

The fall term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Nettie F. Wallace of Northwood. The scholars made an ex-

cellent advancement during the term, and were thorough in their studies. Miss Wallace is a teacher that believes in having her scholars learn what they go over, and to be able to put it in practice.

Whole No. of scholars, 13 ; average No., 10.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Prudential Committee, Horace A. Tasker.

Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Anna J. Clarke of Concord. This is not a large school, but the scholars are earnest workers, and some of them are quite well advanced. They made an average advancement, and were thorough in what they had been over. Miss Clarke is a good teacher, and one that does a thorough work in the schoolroom.

Whole No. of scholars, 10 ; average No., 9.

The winter term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Jennie B. Hanson of Barnstead. The scholars were well drilled during the term. They made good advancement, and were prompt at recitations. Miss Hanson has had considerable experience in teaching, and is an excellent teacher.

Whole No. of scholars, 12 ; average No., 10.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Prudential Committee, Henry M. Foss.

Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Carrie E. Thompson of Lee. This is a large school. Some of the scholars are small and not far advanced. Miss Thompson worked earnestly to advance her scholars, and they made very good progress during the term.

Whole No. of scholars, 31 ; average No., 28.

The winter term of twelve and three-tenths weeks was taught by your committee, who will say that he feels grateful to the citizens of the district for their cordial support, and will leave it for them to consider the value of the instructions imparted.

Whole No. of scholars, 33 ; average No., 30.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Vira S. Tuttle.

Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks and a fall term of ten weeks, both taught by Miss H. Amanda Whidden of New Hampton. This is quite a large school. The scholars made good progress in their studies during the two terms. They were prompt at recitations, and well versed in their studies. Miss Whidden was one of our best teachers, using great exactness in her method of communicating knowledge to her pupils.

1st term, whole No. of scholars, 18 ; average No., 17.

2d " " " " 19 ; " " 17.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Prudential Committee, Horace Garland.

Two terms. A summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Ida A. Perry. This is not a very large school, but some of the scholars are quite well advanced, and were interested in their studies. Miss Perry was very much interested for the advancement and thoroughness of her scholars. They passed a good examination, and seemed to understand what they had been over.

Whole No. of scholars, 17 ; average No., 16.

The fall term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Elona G. Manning of Nottingham. The scholars were at-

tentive to their studies during the term, and made an excellent progress. They understood what they had been over, and were prompt at recitations. Miss Manning is an excellent teacher, and one that takes great pains to have her scholars thorough in their studies.

Whole No. of scholars, 20 ; average No., 18.

DISTRICT No. 20.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Mary A. Bennett.

Two terms. A summer term of six weeks, taught by Mrs. Florence I. Hill. This is one of the smallest schools in town. The scholars are small and not far advanced, but made good progress during the term. Mrs. Hill is a good teacher, and she seemed to take more than average interest in the school, on account of her being a resident of the district.

Whole No. of scholars, 3 ; average No., 3.

The fall term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Addie A. Dow of Barnstead. This was Miss Dow's first attempt at teaching, and she did not take the interest in the school that she ought to have taken. Consequently, the scholars did not make the improvement that they would have made, if the teacher had done her duty.

Whole No. of scholars, 4 ; average No., 3.

A gradual improvement during the past two years has been noticed in all of our schools. The scholars have shown a great interest, and have attended to their duties willingly. There has not been as much non-attendance as usual, which is an improvement for the schools as well as

the pupil, for when a pupil is absent for a week, or even a day, it puts him back in his class, and either the class has to be kept back to favor him or go on without him. In either case the class loses, as the teacher is duty bound to spend a portion of each recitation for his benefit, and if he is behind the class loses the benefit of his drill. It is hoped that the scholars in the future will be punctual in attendance, and that the success of our schools will continue.

Franklin's readers have been re-adopted, but there has been no change made in the text books during the year.

C. H. TWOMBLY, S. S. Committee.

Strafford, February 29, 1884.

Number of District.	TEACHERS.	Revenue.		Teacher's Wages.		Length of Schools.		1st Term	2d Term
		Raised by Town.	Literary Fund.	First Term.	Second Term.	First Term.	Second Term.	Whole No. Scholars. Av. No. of Scholars.	Whole No. Scholars. Av. No. of Scholars.
1	Miss Belle A. Jenkins,	\$125 24	\$11 69	\$22 00		10		22 20	
"	Mrs. Edna E. Copp,				\$24 00	11		20 19	
3	Miss A. J. Montgomery,	79 08	7 39	20 00		5.6		18 18	
"	" Evannah Stiles,				24 00	11		20 18	
4	Mr. Frank G. Foss,	60 43	5 64	20 00		13.8		10 8	
5	Miss Hortense Dealand,	102 65	9 58	21 00	21 00	8	13	9 7	9 7
6	" Katie W. Quinn,	28 40	2 65	18 00		10		3 1	
7	" Lizzie I. Lane,	93 60	8 74	20 00		8		29 26	
"	" Lucretia G. Osborne,				24 00		10	36 35	
9	" L. E. Montgomery,	140 99	13 16	28 00	28 00	9	12	20 19	20 19
10-11	Mrs. Edna E. Copp,	236 52	22 07	28 00		20*		37 31	
"	Mr. Isaac Copp,				34 00		12.6	43 39	
12	Miss Emma L. Perkins,	63 59	5 96	18 00	18 00	5	12	15 15	16 12
13	" Carrie H. Evans,	78 75	7 35	18 00		7		9 7	
"	Mr. Chas. W. Witcher,				26 00		8	13 13	
14	Miss Anna B. Hayes,	64 19	5 99	16 00	16 00	9	9	2 2	5 3
15	" C. A. Woodman,	87 24	8 14	19 00		6		12 11	
"	" Nettie F. Wallace,				23 00		12	13 10	
16	" Anna J. Clarke,	95 66	8 93	20 00		8		10 9	
"	" Jennie B. Hanson,				21 00		12	12 10	
17	" C. E. Thompson,	128 45	11 19	20 00		8		31 28	
"	Mr. C. H. Twombly,				30 00		12.3	33 30	
18	Miss H. A. Whidden,	98 62	9 20	24 00	24 00	8	10	18 17	19 17
19	" Ida A. Perry,	85 67	8 00	20 00		8		17 16	
"	" Elona G. Manning,				20 00		11	20 18	
20	Mrs. Florence I. Hill,	55 95	5 22	16 00		6		3 3	
"	Miss Addie A. Dow,				16 00		9	4 3	

*Two terms.

